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APPLICANT: Shuber
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TITLE: Methods for Detecting Contamination in Molecular Diagnostics
Using PCR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to Continued Examination, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the accompanying remarks. Appropriate fees and forms for a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) are filed herewith. The Commission is also authorized to charge any additional fees to attorney Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Claims 16-37 were pending in the Application. Applicant has requested the entry of the Amendment After Final dated March 3, 2003. After entry of the present amendment, claims 28-39 are pending.